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C&J Tech, Inc Selects Alexander City, Alabama

Alexander City, Alabama – The Director of the Lake Martin Area Economic Development Alliance (LMAEDA), Don McClellan, announced today that C&J Tech, Inc will establish a manufacturing facility in Alexander City, Alabama. This will be Alexander City, Tallapoosa County’s first Tier 2 automotive supplier to the area. The county has three Tier 1 suppliers. The corporation will occupy an existing facility at 145 Plant 10 Drive, formerly Russell Corporation’s Plant 10 facility, located in what now is known as Central Alabama Business Park. C&J Tech will initially invest an estimated \$9.8 million dollars and create 150 jobs.

Governor Bentley stated, “The jobs that will be provided by C&J Tech are the good, well-paying jobs the people of Alabama need to help build our state’s economy. We welcome this new industry to Tallapoosa County and look forward to a prosperous future together”.

“We are pleased to welcome C&J Tech to Alexander City. We feel that C&J Tech will be an excellent addition to the area. They fit nicely into Alexander City’s overall diversity plan. Hopefully within two years, they will be at full capacity production and employment” said Mayor Barbara Young with The City of Alexander City”.

C&J Tech Alabama, Inc is a plastic injection molding company that has a plant in Mexico and a corporate office in San Diego, California. C&J also does mold repair and design and within two years will employ 150 workers. Their plant will be located on the Russell campus (Central Alabama Business Park) and is in excess of 250,000 sq ft. Partners in this endeavor are the State of Alabama, Tallapoosa County, and the City of Alexander City.

Commissioner Thomas “T.C.” Coley, Jr., Chairman of the Tallapoosa County Commission stated, “The Tallapoosa County Commission is honored that C&J Tech chose to locate in Alexander City, our county’s largest municipality. We are grateful for the 150 new jobs and the capital investment. The Commission wishes C&J Tech long-term success in our community. This is another step in the road to local economic recovery”.

“The collaborative efforts of the State, Tallapoosa County, the City of Alexander City, and Russell Brands through the coordination of the Lake Martin Area Economic Development Alliance staff working with C & J Tech have led to this special day. Over the past 8 months, the negotiations between these parties have been complex, but because of the commitment of all these entities to complete the deal, C & J Tech joins our business community in the Lake Martin area. We look forward with anticipation to the successful beginning and future growth of C & J and pledge our support in helping them expand and prosper” said Marshall Griffin, Chairman of Lake Martin Area Economic Development Alliance.

Kirby Kim, C&J Tech’s Vice President stated, “As we are new to this area, we want to thank everyone in helping us make this transition into the community. We appreciate the cooperation of local government and business groups. C&J feels confident that with the help of this community and the experience with our management, we will be successful. Thank you again”.

Don McClellan stated “This is a good day for the City of Alexander City, Tallapoosa County, and the State of Alabama. This is a great company that is putting money into this community and providing 150 jobs. This will help diversify the economy and improve the quality of life for all our citizens”.

When C&J decided to locate to Alexander City in Tallapoosa County an access road grant was applied for by the City and County. Information was collected by engineers (Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood) to provide details to the State Access Road Grant Committee. When the Access Road Committee had its meeting on submitted grants a large contingency from the Tallapoosa County and Alexander City area attended that meeting and stated their case for the grant. The Access Committee awarded a 1.6 million dollar grant on this application. The deciding factor for release of this grant was the location of C&J Tech to the Russell Complex (Central Alabama Business Park) and the promise of 150 jobs.